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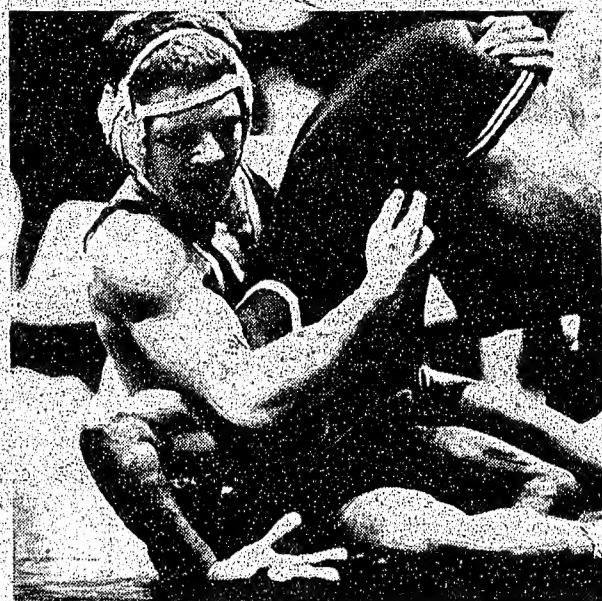
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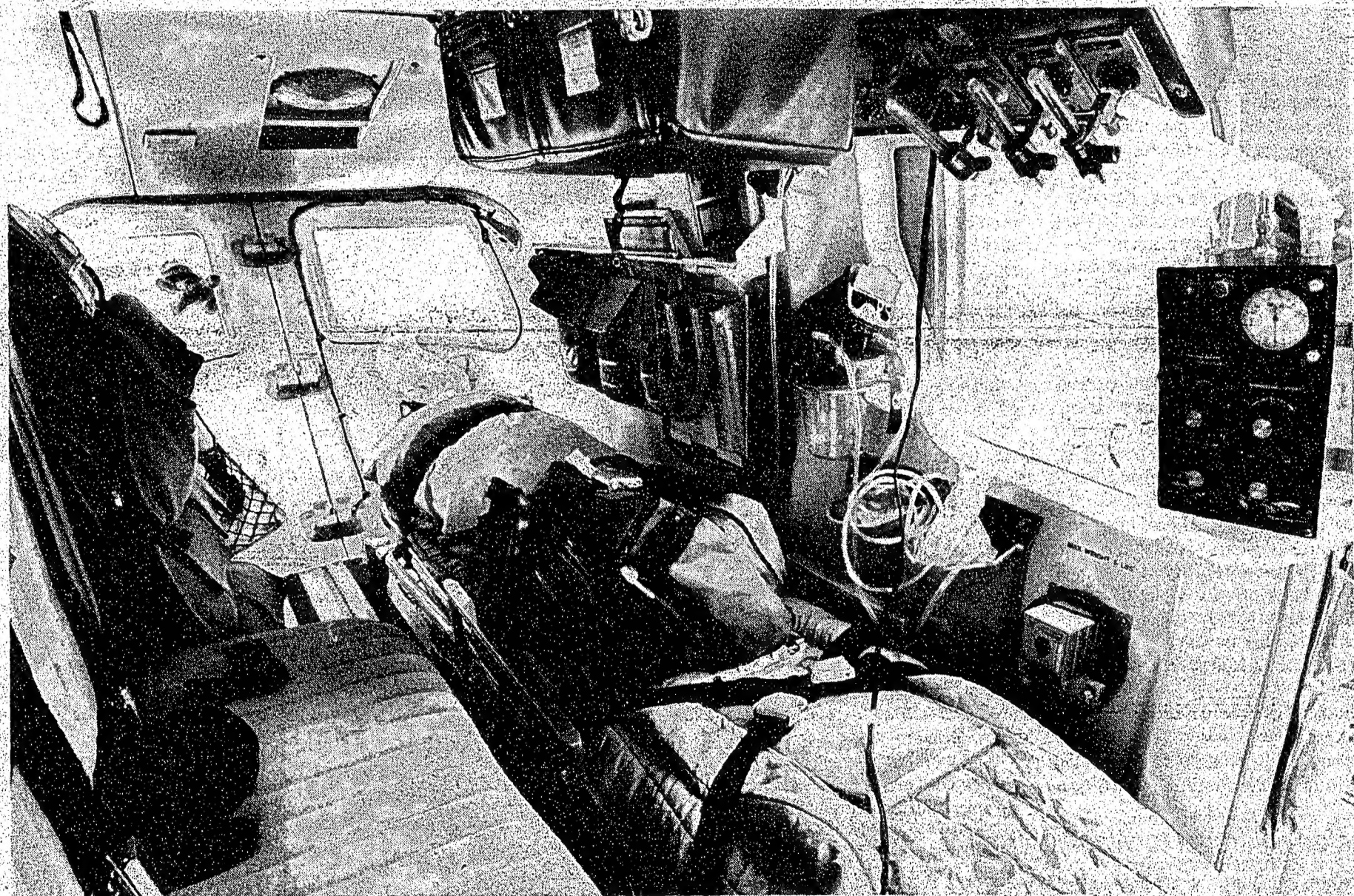


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The interior of the Medical Center's SkyMed helicopter contains the latest in emergency health equipment.

BY KENT WALTON

SKY T MED

The University of Nebraska Medical Center's helicopter has moved to a new pad.

On Jan. 8, SkyMed was moved to temporary quarters at Eppley Airport, where it will remain in service until May.

SkyMed was moved to avoid a potential accident with a crane being used for construction on the University Hospital, according to Deb Clary, a SkyMed nurse.

Clary, a four-year veteran of the SkyMed crew, said the temporary change of facilities has not caused any problems for the Medical Center or the crew.

The weather has helped in transition from the Medical Center to Eppley Airport, said Cam Ourada, one of 12 full-time flight nurses on the staff.

"There are fewer flights in the winter months," he said. "We are down a lot right now because of the weather."

Although SkyMed is sometimes grounded by inclement weather, Ourada said he enjoys the change of pace his job offers. Ourada said he worked as an emergency-room nurse before joining the SkyMed crew.

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Regents oppose restructuring

By GREG KOZOL

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents voted to oppose the proposed restructuring of Nebraska's post-secondary education during a teleconference Friday.

The regents voted 8-0 to oppose the restructuring called for under Legislative Bill 1141. UNO Student President/Regent Kelli Sears and University of Nebraska-Lincoln Student President/Regent Brian Hill voted to support the bill. However, their vote does not count in the official tally.

Under the resolution, an 11-member board of regents would coordinate the three state universities and four state colleges. An individual board of trustees would govern each individual campus.

During the teleconference, Regent Chairman Don Blank said the regents support improved coordination in higher education, but the proposed changes are not necessary for effective governance and coordination.

"We just have too many problems with it (LB 1141)," Blank said.

The regents listed seven reasons for opposing the bill:

- The bill calls for 54 of the 60 new positions to be appointed by the governor.

Regent Rosemary Skrupa of Omaha said she questions whether an appointed board member would act in the best interest of higher education.

"If I'm appointed to a board by the governor, am I going to take a position different from the governor?" Skrupa asked.

- The number of trustee boards could cause inefficiency.

Skrupa said each campus could lobby the Legislature, which could lead to "fighting" between campuses.

However, state Sen. Ron Withem, who introduced the bill, said under the proposal, the trustees could not lobby the Legislature without the regents' approval.

- The regents would have limited governing power.

Under the proposal, the board of regents would control long-term planning of higher education. The board of trustees would submit budgets to the regents for approval and set individual campus policy.

A board of regents with limited power would cause chaos in higher education, Skrupa said.

"Who's going to run the show?" she asked. "You've got to have a boss."

Withem said the proposal would give the campuses more autonomy in day-to-day governing.

Director will travel to Washington D.C.

Senate allocates funds to CCLR, SPO

By PATRICK RUNGE

It takes money to run a government.

This became obvious to the Student Senate when it approved funding for the Council for Community and Legislative Relations (CCLR) and the Student Programming Organization (SPO) at its Jan. 18 meeting.

A portion of the \$1,300 allocated to CCLR will fund director Chris McClenny's trip to Washington, D.C. for the United States Student Association (USSA) conference March 2-5.

"The USSA calls itself the nation's oldest and biggest student advocacy group," McClenny said. "They have people on duty full time in Washington to keep current on national education issues."

The USSA consists of 200 campuses representing more than 2 million students. UNO will be represented for the first time at the March conference.



Pound Puppy

—DAVE WEAVER

This sad-eyed dog at the Nebraska Humane Society currently needs a home. About 170 dogs are adopted from the Humane Society, 8801 Fort St., every month.

"If the regents dealt with things concerning the entire system," Withem said, "and the individual institutions dealt with campus concerns, it would make more sense."

- The community college system is not included in the proposed system.

- The cost of restructuring higher education remains unknown.

"Even though it is a modest cost," Blank said, "it would be a fortune."

- The role and mission of each campus would be decided after a new governing system was created.

"It just seems to be backwards of good common sense," Blank said.

- The regents also questioned the role of a proposed coordinating council for higher education.

Under the bill, the council would coordinate between Nebraska's public and private colleges and universities.

Despite the regents' opposition, Sen. Jerome Warner said the proposal would improve higher education.

"What the regents say and what the bill will do are two different things," he said.

Warner said discussion during the regents'

December meeting indicates the need for separation of coordination and governance in post-secondary education.

"The regents spent an hour out of a five-hour meeting deciding which kind of pizza to serve at the Lincoln Student Union," Warner said. "And they say they can pay attention to the overall governance?"

Also during the teleconference, the regents voted 8-0 to oppose Legislative Resolution 240. That resolution calls for an official student/regent vote on board decisions.

Regent Kermit Hansen said, according to a 1986 opinion by State Attorney General Robert Spire, a student/regent vote would be unconstitutional.

Hansen added that a student/regent vote would be unfair to Nebraskans because students could select two voting regents, one from their campus and one from their district.

He also said non-resident students, eligible for a vote under the resolution, should not be able to select voting members to a board that spends Nebraska tax revenue.

Sears and Hill both supported the student/regent vote.

A wool of a time?

A University of Washington fraternity was suspended in late January after residents were found semi-clothed and in the company of two sheep during initiation rites at their house.

UW's Interfraternity Council (IFC) suspended the Theta Xi fraternity Jan. 24, even before the Seattle Animal Control Board finished its investigation into the case.

"The evidence presented clearly demonstrates (Theta Xi members') guilt and complete insensitivity to hazing and animal rights," said a statement issued by the IFC, which declined to list the exact charges brought against the house or to comment on whether the sheep had been sodomized.

"It sounds like the stuff movies are made of," said Jonathan Brant, head of the Indianapolis-based National Interfraternity Council (NIC). "It makes me think of the movie 'Animal House.' This is clearly against NIC rules and completely inappropriate."

Seattle police responded to a call Jan. 12 and found pledges wearing only underwear. Some had white grease on their hands and peanut butter smeared on their bodies. The officers reported that the sheep appeared "overheated and agitated."

The sheep and pledges were in a room with a sign on the door that read, "Nobody allowed except actives, pledges with permission and cloven-hooved animals."

Police turned the animals over to the Seattle Animal Control Department, which will issue a report sometime in February on whether or not the sheep were abused.

Theta Xi members were unavailable for comment.

Both Brant and Eric Berg, secretary of Washington's IFC, said they have not received other reports of animal abuse by fraternities. However, in January, 1989, members of Washington's Delta Upsilon fraternity tossed a rooster to its death from a classroom balcony.

No more parties

No more public parties will be held at the University of Akron. UA President William Muse said Jan. 24.

Still angry about two recent bashes that ended in fights, Muse banned parties at the school's student center, residence halls and five houses the university leases to sororities and fraternities.

"We cannot tolerate this type of behavior," Muse said about the mid-January on-campus party that ended when Akron police were called in to break up a fight. A similar incident ended an October campus party, too.

Muse said he will consider lifting the ban when more stringent regulations are adopted to ensure better student conduct.

Why would the regents vote to fire themselves?

Sometimes bureaucracy has its advantages. The proposed restructuring of post-secondary education in Nebraska under Legislative Bill 1141 would wrap Nebraska's universities and state colleges in more red tape. But this new system could also bring a more focused leadership to each campus.

The bill calls for the elimination of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents and the State College Board of Trustees. A state-wide board would then be established to coordinate budgets, programs and long-term plans. Also under the proposal, the three university campuses and the four state colleges would each have its own governing board to provide micro-management leadership.

STAFF EDITORIAL

The Board of Regents' recent push for greater coordination and governance would only be enhanced under the proposed changes. The regents, however, feel otherwise. Friday, the board "voted" to oppose those changes.

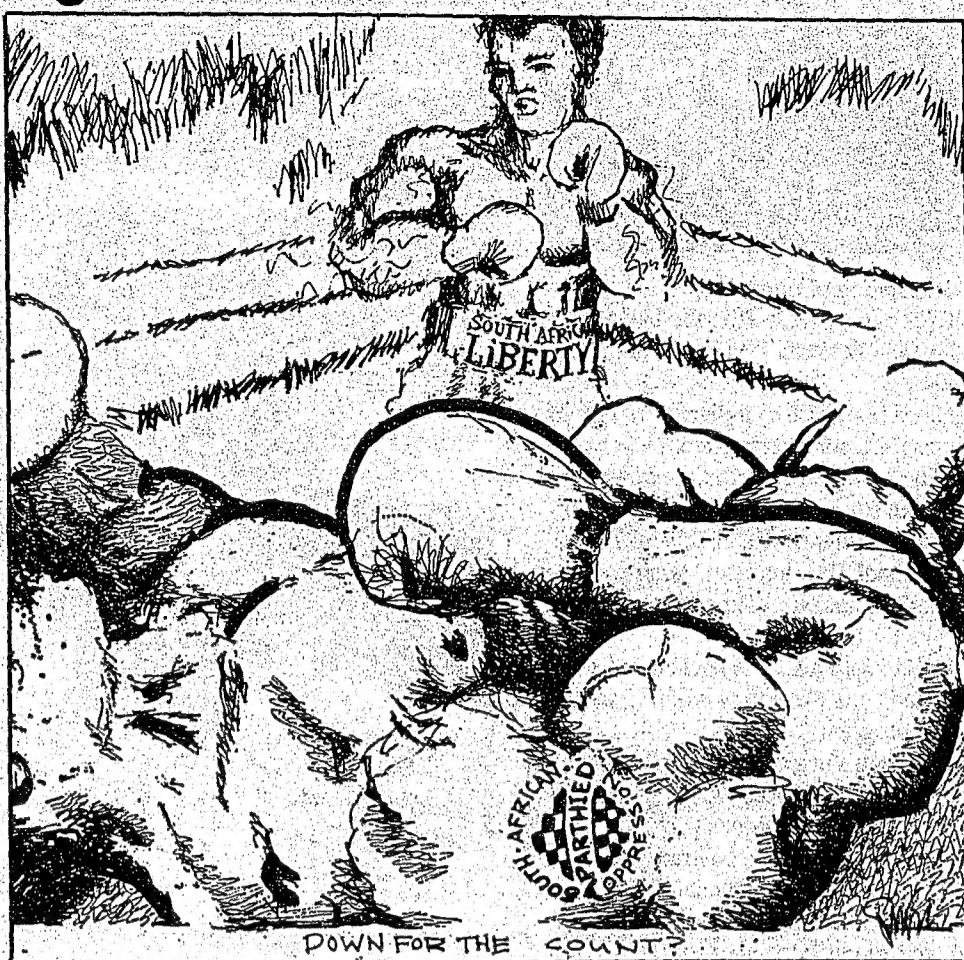
Although student regents have tried for years to obtain an official vote on the board, they are still limited to just a recorded opinion.

On Friday, the regents voted on an issue, but, like the student regents, that "vote" reflected only their opinion.

The decision to incorporate the restructuring of Nebraska's higher education lies with the Legislature, and, ultimately, with the voters.

Why would the regents choose to vote on this issue when it creates an obvious conflict of interest, anyway?

The eight elected regents may have had



the university's best interest in mind when they said, "No," to LB 1141, but they may have had their own interests in mind, as well. Regardless of how the regents felt about the proposed restructuring, they were also voting on whether to eliminate their own positions. And why would you vote to fire yourself?

If political power is what the regents are after, the proposed restructuring of Nebraska's higher education would only widen the political playing field.

Not only would there be seats open on

the "superboard" of regents, but seats available on the single boards at all of the state colleges and universities.

This "centralization" could provide greater control of day-to-day issues at each institution. That could allow the "superboard" to focus on issues affecting the entire system.

The new changes would bound Nebraska's higher education in more red tape. But the burden of more bureaucracy may not be all that bad.

German cars, like countries, aren't exactly alike

A Mercedes-Benz 560 SEC and a Wartburg sedan are both German cars. They both have engines, wheels, trunks and seats. Soon, however, comparable features disappear.

The Benz represents the pinnacle of West German automotive technology. It's fast, yet quiet, and solid as a rock. It doesn't scream wealth and affluence because it doesn't have to.

The Wartburg, on the other hand, is close to the top of the technological heap in East Germany. It's slow, noisy and uncomfortable: the result of years of Warsaw Pact automobile research and refinement.

Conceivably, some mechanics could try to replace Mercedes parts with Wartburg parts, or vice versa.

Using Wartburg parts in a Mercedes-Benz will, at the least, slow it down. Way down. Imagine lifting the lacquered hood, eyes level with that symmetrical pseudo-peace emblem and gazing onto an engine that would look small in a Lawnboy.

And even if you could shoehorn all those wonderful 5,598 cubic centimeters of V-8 engine (with 4 valves per cylinder) into the engine bay of the Wartburg, the little car

would run over itself.

However farfetched (or blasphemous) the concept may seem, it's being discussed by world leaders, at least figuratively.

Disregarding uninformed, reactionary screechings about the danger of a Fourth Reich, the reunification of Germany, like trying to switch parts between two German cars, can't possibly happen correctly without a lot of time and thought.

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl has made it clear to most of the world that

DAVE MANNING
COLUMNIST

he will accept his fellow Germans with open arms, while simultaneously pointing to the fact that East Germany desires unity.

It is now estimated almost 2,000 East Germans leave their country every day for greener pastures in the West. At that rate, the country will be empty in two years.

Reunification with the Federal Republic is just what the mechanics of the People's Republic ordered. It's better than economic aid and foreign investment, because the people won't have to leave. They'll already

be there.

However, East German Premier Hans Modrow, along with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, wants the new Germany to be neutral in the European scheme of things. Kohl and U.S. officials correctly think otherwise.

Modrow seems to have forgotten why that country wants to hitch a ride in the Mercedes. And if Kohl is polite enough to pick them up, no one should be complaining about his driving.

But Kohl is pulling over too fast. What about the United States of Europe, 1992 and all the promises that go along with that agreement? Is the European Common Market prepared for the highly probable economic weakening of one of its strongest members?

The immediate absorption of an entire nation, a nation of relative paupers, 25-year-old technology and small, irrational cars will bring the economic powerhouse of West Germany only grief.

Kohl would be wise to see if the Wartburg can keep up before handing over the spare set of keys to the Mercedes.

EDITORS ACCESS

OPINION BY GREG KOZOL

Hey, dudes

Could this be history in the making? Look at the Beaver, Greg Brady and Alex P. Keaton.

At the time, they probably didn't seem important.

But all three television characters came to symbolize an era.

They've become a syndicated history lesson.

In the '50s, it was Theodore "Beaver" Cleaver. Anyone who begins his sentences with "Gee, dad" can be considered a symbol of a more innocent time.

Greg Brady, on the other hand, symbolized youthful rebelliousness in the early '70s.

He actually called Marsha a "stinker." But with his dark, curly locks and a singing career (at least for two episodes) no one dared to call Greg a stinker.

And then came the '80s and Alex P. Keaton. Well-dressed, conservative but kind of cute, Alex seemed like a young version of Ronald Reagan.

Now in the '90s, Bart Simpson comes rolling down the street in a garbage can.

This animated character seems a little different from most television stars.

He doesn't address his father with "Gee, dad." For this fourth-grader, "I'm Bart Simpson, who the hell are you?" is the appropriate way to speak to elders.

With his uncanny ability to cheat in school, Bart does possess Greg Brady's rebellious nature. But he sure looks less dashing than Greg. He's yellow, his eyes bulge, he really needs braces and his head is shaped weird.

Bart appears less materialistic than Alex. He's worn the same cloths in all three episodes of the Simpsons.

Alex received straight A's. Bart's best school work got him sent to the principal's office. On the school wall, Bart painted a realistic-looking picture of the principal that read: "I'm a wiener." So much for creativity.

What does this little trouble-maker mean to us?

Right now, he's our only link to the history books, and to the future.

If Bart Simpson is any indication, what will the '90s be like?

Will we all want tattoos for Christmas?

Does the popularity of a cartoon indicate we are shielding ourselves from reality?

Or do the Simpson's accurately portray society's follies?

Will we laugh at ourselves more? Is anyone reading this column?

Whatever the opinion, remember the Beaver, Greg Brady and Alex P. Keaton.

Until there's a revolution somewhere, Bart Simpson is the symbol of this decade.

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Hackel says CCS thriving, awareness is increasing

By Mike Getter

McDonald's doesn't have to worry yet, but according to Alan Hackel, the College of Continuing Studies (CCS) is serving more people than ever.

Hackel, dean of CCS, said about 65,000 students participate in CCS programs at the Peter Kiewit Conference Center each year.

Four times as many students now use the college's off-campus credit programs than in 1978, Hackel said. He said CCS's non-credit programs have also grown.

The move from campus to the Kiewit Center has helped CCS grow, Hackel said.

"It (the move) has given the university, as well as the college, greater visibility," he said.

Although CCS still uses campus offices, most work is done at the Kiewit Center, Hackel said.

Off-campus classes are held at the Kiewit Center, Offutt Air Force Base and a number of other locations, he said.

Hackel said there is a growing need in the community for continuing studies.

"I think the idea of life-long learning is catching on in our society," Hackel said. "Part of our mission is to help people with life-long learning."

He said education continues to gain importance. Because we live in an information society, people will be in constant demand for new skills, Hackel said.

"Their companies will want them to acquire these new skills," he said. "This is where we come in."

Hackel said he hopes CCS continues to gain importance in the community.

"I hope this increased awareness of continuing studies translates into better

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understanding of our college."

CCS has existed since the late 1920s, and officially became a college in the late 1950s.

Hackel said history indicates the type of classes CCS students require.

"The college does evaluations on who is taking our courses," Hackel said. "We know that there is interest in a variety of courses. Professional development, business and arts and humanities courses are all popular."

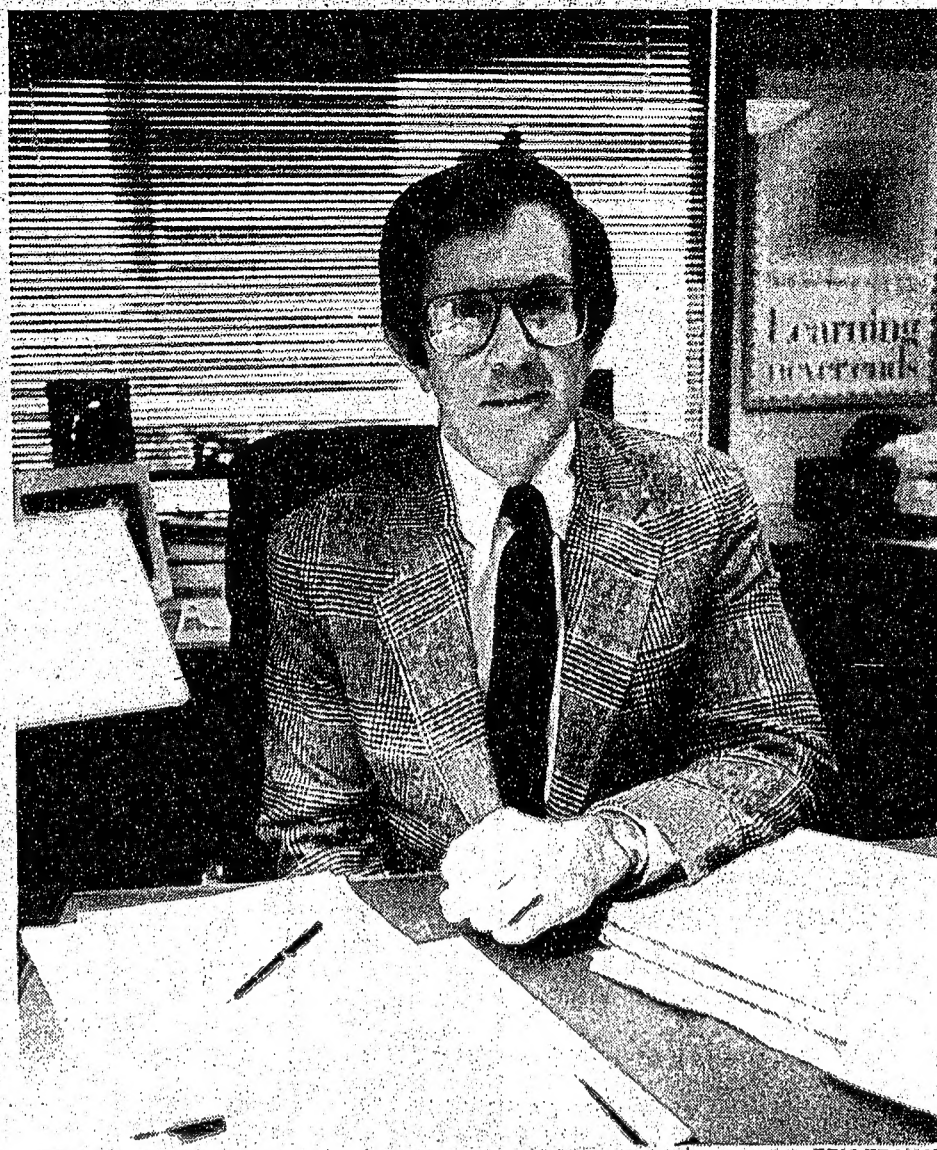
Hackel said a CCS's bachelor of General Studies is the nation's oldest special degree program for adults.

Although the general studies program began in the late 1940s, Hackel said CCS's community role continues to change.

"We are involved in contract courses," Hackel said. "A company can come to us with a specific type of training program, and we can put it together for them at the site of their choice."

He said CCS contributes a great deal to the university.

"The College of Continuing Studies is simply helping the university to fulfill its mission," he said. "A large part of that mission is community service."



—ERIC FRANCIS

One of the things that we give the university is a great deal of visibility. Many people only see the university through our college.

—CCS Dean Alan Hackel

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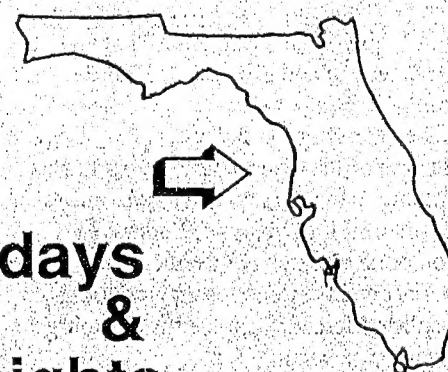
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"It really is a nice change," he said. "Some flights are for traumas, but we don't go out to a lot of accident scenes and see a lot of blood and guts. That is a misconception."

However, the SkyMed team will be ready to change roles Wednesday to become the President's flying ambulance, if needed.

During President Bush's Nebraska visit for Gov. Kay Orr's fund-raising dinner, the SkyMed crew will be on call to respond to any health problems the President may have, Ourada said.

In the event of a medical emergency, Bush will be flown to the Medical Center for treatment, Ourada said.

The majority of SkyMed's trips aren't for world leaders. Clary said prearranged, inter-hospital flights to move patients to different facilities are used most frequently.

"The helicopter can fly 200 miles one way. We've flown trips to Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and South Dakota," she said.

As part of the SkyMed program, airplanes and an ambulance are sometimes leased to transport patients long distances, Clary said.

However, not all SkyMed patients end up at the Medical Center, according to Jackie O'Dell, assistant unit director for

SkyMed.

Although SkyMed is based at the university, O'Dell said the helicopter is leased to five other hospitals: Clarkson, Children's, Immanuel and Methodist.

O'Dell said SkyMed is leased from Rocky Mountain Helicopters in Provo, Utah. The medical equipment and the nursing staff are supplied by the Medical Center, O'Dell said.

The on-duty nursing staff consists of two specially-trained nurses — a neo-natal care specialist and an adult critical care specialist.

MED PULSE

Because SkyMed transports heart attack victims, Clary said both positions require training in Cardiopulmonary Lifesaving.

In addition to the nurses, the SkyMed crew includes a director, an assistant director, three pilots and one mechanic.

Ourada said physicians are not needed on the SkyMed staff.

"The nurses have a lot of experience working together, and physicians tend not to have out-of-hospital training, he said.

"The combination of nurse-nurse works out very well."

Because the SkyMed staff works around the clock in 12-hour shifts, the program has become more responsive, according to Ourada.

The nurses trade their white hospital uniforms for red, white and blue flight suits and tennis shoes, but this is not their everyday uniform.

"We also pick up extra time at the hospital through other units to increase our skills," Ourada said.

Switching from the halls of the hospital to the confines of the helicopter doesn't require much transition, Clary said.

"You really aren't cramped, she said. "There is nothing you can't do on the helicopter that you can't do in an emergency room."

The current SkyMed replaced an earlier model damaged in a non-fatal crash at the Medical Center in 1988.

Ourada said the new model provides benefits that were not available on the first helicopter.

"It has two engines, that way if one goes out we can still land," he said.

Ourada added that the newer SkyMed has a two-patient capacity, and can travel up to 190-nautical miles per hour.

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Malcolm X remembered at discussion

Blacks today still affected by history

By MIKE BOURG

Although Malcolm X was assassinated in 1965, his teachings continue to affect Americans today.

"Malcolm X believed that all people have a right to self-determination," said George Garrison, chairman of Black Studies at UNO.

Malcolm X was the subject of a film and discussion at the Eppley Auditorium Saturday in celebration of Black History Month.

Malcolm X was born Malcolm Little in Omaha, and he became a leading speaker for the Black Muslims. He was assassinated on Feb. 21, 1965 in New York City.

Malcolm X's teachings are still needed, said Alonzo Smith of the Nebraska Urban League.

"In terms of today," Smith said, "we're living in a society where overt racism has greatly diminished, but we still have to face

some of the violence of individual acts of racism."

Despite a decline in overt racism, government programs are still needed for blacks.

Smith said the U.S. proposal of another "Marshal Plan" for Eastern Europe is an example of what Malcolm X would have called misguided priorities.

The plan would use "peace dividends" from the reduction of U.S. troops to send economic aide to emerging democracies in Eastern Europe.

"We need a 'Marshal Plan' for urban America," Smith said. "We don't need to send billions of dollars to Eastern Europe. We need to liberate our own people from the slavery of drugs, poverty and the lack of education."

Blacks today are still affected by their history, Garrison said.

Slavery lowered the self-esteem of blacks, which Malcolm X tried to alleviate, Garrison said.

"Malcolm X liberated the minds of black folk," Garrison said. "He was one of the catalysts that gave rise to the Black Consciousness Movement of the 1960s."

Garrison said myths about black people still exists in America.

"We didn't come out of slavery by being stupid," Garrison said. "We have learned to manipulate the system. We have to know how to use the system in the interest of our people. Malcolm X understood that."

Garrison said blacks today need to understand the accomplishments of blacks like Malcolm X.

"If you don't know where you come from or who you are," Garrison said, "you will wander around aimlessly, vulnerable to the

same set of circumstances that your forefathers had to deal with."

The Black Nationalist Movement of the 1960s helped improve the understanding of black history, Garrison said.

African people have played a major role in bringing civilization to human kind by extending its civilizations to the rest of the world, Garrison said.

Blacks today can still learn from Malcolm X's message of self-determination.

"Black Americans form a nation within a nation crying to be born," Garrison said. "The black community in Harlem, the black community in Chicago, the black community in Atlanta, the black community all over these United States should establish channels of communication and develop a national agenda and move forward in the world with a common vision and a common direction."

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SPORTS OPINION BY TONY FLOTT

Hey! Put that
chair down!

You've heard the joke before.
"I went to a fight and a hockey game broke out."

But don't be surprised if you go to that same fight and see a basketball game break out.

One would be hard pressed to recall a time when more fights broke out in such a short period of time at college basketball games.

First we had Basketmania I involving two North Carolina schools. Not only did the players fight, but the fans decided to take part.

Chairs, always a fun thing to throw at someone, were being tossed at each other just like you see in the old westerns.

Police had to come in and restore order with an estimated 200 people involved in the fracas.

Then we had the North Central Conference's version, involving UNO Coach Bob Hanson and North Dakota State's Coach Erv Inniger.

Both give differing accounts of the fight, and video tape is inconclusive.

But we do know that a Bison assistant coach grabbed a UNO player around the neck.

Just recently, we had the UNLV-Utah State fight.

What an appropriate name — the Runnin' Rebels.

This one apparently was in the making for over a year after Utah State Coach Kohn Smith said players at UNLV drive better cars than players at other schools.

So what if it's true, UNLV Coach Jerry Tarkanian, ever the angel, refused to take Smith's apology.

Players from both schools traded punches, leaving one Aggie bloodied and two UNLV players on the floor.

Coach Smith was hit twice. Television replays clearly showed a Runnin' Rebel striking him once.

It's sort of the latest fad in basketball.

What are does this tell our kids? Sure temperatures run high during a heated contest, but that doesn't give you the right to go around punching everybody in the nose.

Maybe the St. Margaret Mary's boys team will start a brawl with the Holy Cross team and the parents and nuns can get involved. I can picture it now — two nuns from opposing schools hitting each other with chairs.

"Hurry up honey, we're late for the game and don't forget the guns."

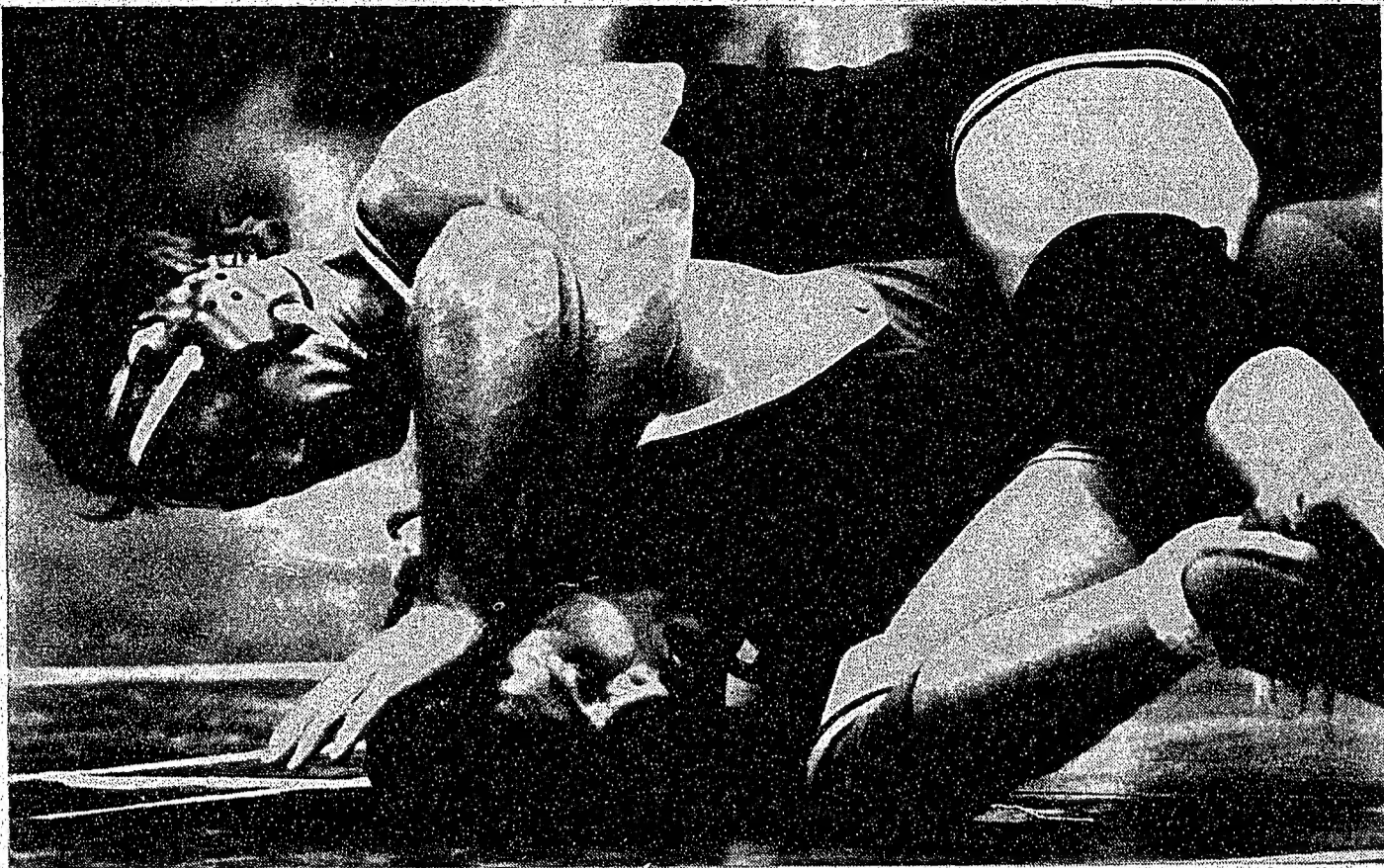
Wouldn't you think wrestlers would get into fights more often than basketball players? Or what about boxers? What do they do when they get mad at each other, start playing basketball?

For some reason, I don't think this is what James Naismith had in mind when he put up the first peach basket.

The whole trend is making me sick.

The only comforting thought when I cover UNO basketball is that I sit at the press table.

That's where all the chairs are.



-DAVE WEAVER

Senior Mav Larry Thompson takes control of a South Dakota State wrestler. Thompson, a 150 pounder, improved his record to 26-4-2.

Mavs pin foes; Huskers next

BY DAMON GRAN

The UNO wrestling team captured the North Central Conference dual championship Saturday, snowballing South Dakota State 25-9.

With UNO ranked No. 2 in NCAA Division II and the Jackrabbits ranked No. 7, Maverick Coach Mike Denney said he expected a closer dual.

"They are a real solid team, and I figured they would wrestle us a lot closer," Denney said. "Our light weights got the momentum going early, and SDSU couldn't stop it."

The first five Mavericks won matches propelling UNO to a quick 15-0 lead.

The top match of the dual paired 126-pound Ron Higdon, against Jackrabbit Mike Pankratz, both undefeated in the NCC.

Higdon took the early advantage with a take down in the first period, nearly pinning Pankratz.

Higdon said the vocal alumni-day crowd gave him an advantage.

"When I scored five points in the first minute and the crowd exploded behind me, my adrenaline burst, and I knew I wouldn't

lose the match," Higdon said.

"I wanted to wrestle smart and make no mistakes."

Higdon won the match, improving to 26-8-1 overall and 6-0 in the NCC. The victory also helped his chances of being the top seed at the NCC tournament Feb. 24.

All-American Mark Passer, at 134 pounds, increased the Mav lead, with a decision over Jason Wurth, 9-4.

"I gave him the four points by letting him escape," Passer said. "I knew I had this guy, so I wanted to work on my technique in refining my skills for the NCC tournament."

Ted Nelson at 118, Scott Ruff at 142 and Larry Thompson at 150 also posted wins, improving their chances for No. 1 seeds at the NCC tournament.

Jackrabbit Brendan Mathew brought an end to the Mav sweep when he decisioned Mike O'Kief at 158 pounds, 7-3.

Dan Radik got UNO back on the winning track, earning a major decision over Bob Hemiller 10-2 to improve his record to 22-7-2.

The drama continued, however, when the Jackrabbits took control of the ball under their own basket.

UNO's Thor Palamore committed a foul as time ran out, sending Jackrabbit Brian Westlake to the free-throw line.

After two UNO timeouts, Westlake missed the front end of his one-and-one, giving the Mavs the one-point victory.

Saturday's game ended in the same fashion.

Faced with a 73-72 Augustana lead, UNO took a timeout with four seconds remaining to set up Hero No. 2, Palamore.

Palamore, however, almost ended up as the goat when he accidentally tipped in a missed Augustana shot, giving the Vikings the lead.

Palamore redeemed himself, however, sinking a buzzer beater from 18 feet.

"Palamore played extremely well," Hanson said. "It was probably his best weekend this year."

Hanson also praised Olson, who lobbed the long, inbounds pass to Palamore.

"I'm really pleased with my performance this season," Radik said. "I wanted to finish the NCC strong as a boost going into the final tournaments."

Joe Wypiszewski then battled to a 2-2 tie with Brian Loeffler at 177 pounds.

"The match didn't flow well," Wypiszewski said. "He (Loeffler) wasn't out to win, he just wanted to keep it close."

UNO's final points came when Pat Gentzler at 190 pounds downed Greg Saylor 12-4.

Paul Koenig, Division II's No. 3 ranked heavyweight, decisioned Maverick Dan Cariker 13-0 to round out the scoring.

"We performed well as a team against another good team, and I hope that momentum carries us through upcoming tournaments," Denney said.

But first, UNO will host the Nebraska Cornhuskers Thursday in an 11-year old rivalry. The Huskers are ranked No. 4 in Division I.

The Mavs then travel to Central Oklahoma State in a showdown with Division II's No. 1 ranked Broncos.

"Olson probably played his best game of the year Saturday night," Hanson said. "He probably got a shot of confidence from his shot Friday."

Olson, averaging just six points in UNO's last four games, led the team in assists and rebounds against Augustana.

Also standing out for the Mavs was 6-foot-10 center Phil Cartwright, who led the Mavs in scoring both nights.

"He has the chance to be one of the best in the league," Hanson said.

Cartwright also snatched down 14 boards against South Dakota State as UNO held rebounding advantages each night.

"I think we've just learned," Hanson said. "We learned our lessons on the road in a tight situation."

"We're playing with confidence. It was hard to do after going to North Dakota and losing two."

The Mavs return home for the first time in four games when they take on St. Cloud State Friday and Mankato State Saturday.

Mavs find heroes in weekend sweep

BY TONY FLOTT

Two heroes stepped forward for the UNO men's basketball team, helping the Mavs to a weekend sweep of North Central Conference road games.

The heroics boosted UNO to within a half game of first place in the NCC. UNO downed South Dakota State 66-65 Friday night and Augustana 74-73 Saturday.

"I knew we were capable of it," UNO Coach Bob Hanson said. "In both games, Friday and Saturday, we were really in synch down the end."

Hero No. 1, forward Dan Olson, directed the Mavs to Friday night's win, when he nailed a short jumper with seven seconds remaining.

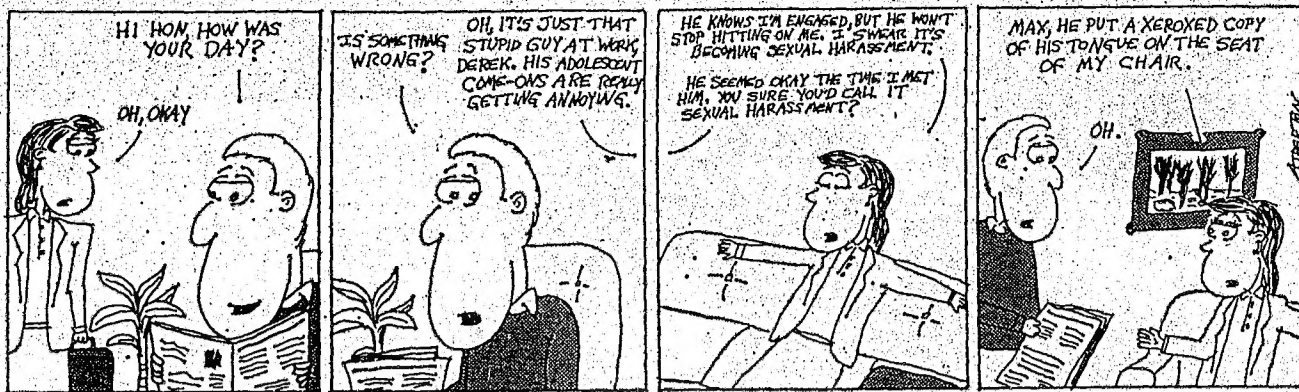
The shot, set up during the preceding timeout, capped a UNO comeback from a 65-62 South Dakota State lead with 18 seconds remaining.

"Our players listened real intently during the timeouts," Hanson said. "They ran the plays just as we had them set up."

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BY BOB ATHERTON



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